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SUBJ: NEA ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE

BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

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1. STATE/COMMERCE SCHEDULING NEA ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE FOR TEHRAN JUNE 18-20.

2. STATE/COMMERCE ABLE TO INVITE ONE OFFICER FROM EACH OF FOLLOWING POSTS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED: RABAT, TUNIS, CASABLANCA, ALGIERS (2), TRIPOLI, CAIRO, TEL AVIV (2), AMMAN, BEIRUT (2), BAGHDAD, DAMASCUS, JIDDA (2), KUWAIT, DHAHRAN, MANAMA, DOHA, ABU DHABI, MUSCAT, KABUL, KARACHI, ISLAMABAD, NEW DELHI (2), BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, DACCA, KATHMANDU. ALSO INVITE REGIONAL CIVIL AIR ATTACHE AND TRADE CENTER DIRECTOR FROM BEIRUT, AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER FROM KUWAIT. WELCOME WHATEVER PARTICIPATION HOST MISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE FROM EMBASSY AND CONSULATES (ANY ATTENDANT TRAVEL BEING AT EXPENSE OF MISSION).

3. EMBASSIES, OF COURSE, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING WHETHER AND WHICH OFFICERS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND CONFERENCE. WE, HOWEVER, SUGGEST FOLLOWING SELECTION CRITERIA: WHERE ONLY ONE OFFICER FROM POST CAN ATTEND, RECOMMEND THIS BE OFFICER PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR

COMMERCIAL WORK. WHERE TWO OFFICERS ATTENDING, SUGGEST THESE BE CHIEF OF ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION AND OFFICER PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMERCIAL WORK. IF INCUMBENT AS INDICATED ABOVE IS TO BE REASSIGNED BEFORE SEPTEMBER, RECOMMEND CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO ATTENDANCE OF NEXT RANKING ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER IN HIS STEAD.

4. CONFEREES SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE TEHRAN BY EARLY AFTERNOON OF JUNE 17. (FOR SOME PARTICIPANTS, THIS LIKELY TO REQUIRE ARRIVAL JUNE 16.) RESERVATIONS ARE AT SEMIRAMIS AND COMMODORE HOTELS NEAR EMBASSY (CONFERENCE SITE). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. POSTS SHOULD CONFIRM SOON AS POSSIBLE TO BOTH WASHINGTON AND TEHRAN NAMES OF OFFICERS ATTENDING. (FOR HOTEL RESERVATION PURPOSES, INCLUDE DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL.) ADDRESS REPLIES TO WASHINGTON "FOR ATTENTION HARRY MONTGOMERY, NEA/RA, STATE; AND ROBERT WATKINS, OD/OIM/BIC, COMMERCE."

6. CONFERENCE AGENDA TO FOCUS ON NEW APPROACHES TO EXPORT PROMOTION, INCLUDING COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS (CCP'S) SUCH AS ARE BEING INTRODUCED IN ALGERIA, IRAN, ISRAEL, INDIA AND SAUDI ARABIA. DRAFT AGENDA SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE BUT WE WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTIONS FROM FIELD (NO LATER THAN MAY 10) ON TOPICS RELEVANT TO COMMERCIAL PROGRAM WHICH YOU ESPECIALLY WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS. (FYI: WE ARE PLANNING SEVERAL PANEL DISCUSSIONS, INCLUDING ONE FOCUSING ON OPPORTUNITIES IN NEWLY RICH OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES.)

7. MESSAGE TO FOLLOW WITH FISCAL DATA FOR CONFEREES, DETAILS OF AGENDA, WASHINGTON ATTENDEES AND SELECTED PANEL PARTICIPANTS.

8. FOR TEHRAN CONTROL OFFICER GEORGE ELLSWORTH: FROM PARA 4 YOU WILL NOTE NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY IN HOTEL RESERVATIONS PENDING NOTIFICATION BY PARTICIPANTS OF THEIR

ETAS. MESSAGE FOLLOWS WITH FURTHER PARTICULARS ON

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. RUSH

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